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C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 4285

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E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, SP
SUBJECT: RELEASE OF PRISONERS

REF: MADRID 4204

1. GENOVEVA FOREST WAS GRANTED PROVISIONAL LIBERTY IN SPAIN YESTERDAY, AFTER SERVING 2-1/2 YEARS IN PRISON WITHOUT TRIAL. SHE WAS SUSPECTED OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE ASSASSINATION OF ADM. CARRERO BLANCO AND THE "CALLE DE CORREO" BOMBING OF A CAFETERIA FREQUENTED BY POLICE. WIFE OF WELL KNOWN SPANISH PLAYWRIGHT ALFONSO SASTRE AND HERSELF A MEDICAL CONFIDENTIAL

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DOCTOR, HER LONG DETENTION HAD ATTRACTED SOME INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS GROUNDS. WHEN ASKED "WHO KILLED CARRERO BLANCO" AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER HER RELEASE, SHE POINTED OUT THAT ETA HAD LONG SINCE ACCEPTED RE-SPONSIBILITY; SHE DESCRIBED HER OWN INVOLVEMENT WITH ETA AS NON-POLITICAL, AND DID NOT ADMIT ANY PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE KILLING.

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2. ALSO RELEASED FROM VARIOUS PRISONS YESTERDAY WERE AT LEAST SIX OTHER ETA PRISONERS, ONE OF WHOM WAS IMMEDIATELY FLOWN INTO EXILE IN NORWAY. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REFTEL) THE GOS IS ACTIVELY SEEKING COUNTRIES WILLING TO ACCEPT PRISONERS GUILTY OF BLOOD CRIMES, SINCE THEIR RELEASE WITHIN SPAIN BEFORE THE ELECTIONS IS CONSIDERED TOO POLITICALLY RISKY.

3. FURTHER RELEASES WILL BE STUDIED AT THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING TODAY. IT MAY BE THAT MOST, PERHAPS ALL, REMAINING ETA PRISONERS WILL BE RELEASED BY THE END OF THIS WEEK, IF COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO TAKE THEM. THE AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD THE AMBASSADOR LAST NIGHT THAT AUSTRIA HAS AGREED TO TAKE 5 BASQUES. HE ALSO SAID BASQUE PRISONERS REFUSED ANY SOUTH AMERICAN EXILE AS IT IS FAR FROM SPAIN, LEAVING US AGAIN WITH THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT THE EXILES WANT TO RETURN SOON, AFTER THE ELECTIONS.STABLER

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